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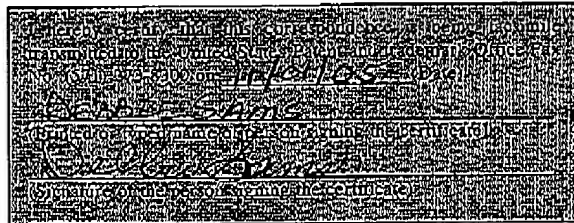
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PATENT

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Applicant: Ashfaq Hossain  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH RCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114(c)**

Before continuing examination of the above-identified application, please refer to the below arguments and amend the claims as indicated.